

Minutes of the Transport Group Meeting
Tuesday 26th March 2013

Present: Andrew Bax, Keith Clough, John Sheppard, Colin West, Christine West, Pervin Shahin, Doreen Bourne

1. Apologies Val Sheppard
2. Amending the Last Minutes

Keith Clough had one or two amendments which were passed. He also mentioned that the walkway on the bridge going into Abingdon should be described as adjacent to the bridge and not overhead.

3. Matters Arising

- Traffic Calming

Meredith Evans from the Design Council walked through the village and suggested a table instead of a roundabout at Hilliat Field for traffic calming. Colin West said he will photograph one, if Meredith Evans lets us know where to find one.

John Sheppard wanted to know if there were any replies to his article in the Drayton Chronicle and Andrew said that the editor of the Chronicle would be the one to open the box at Vickery's and could be contacted.

Pervin mentioned that lorries taking gravel from Sutton Courtenay in the middle of the night is a problem. Shouldn't there be a weight limit or some sort of traffic calming in the High Street? Speed limits were no use as the lorry drivers ignore them.

It was confirmed that in the Highway Code, it is stipulated that there should be 200 yards between lights at a 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

- Cycle Routes : Doreen Bourne has investigated the cycle route from Drayton to Milton Park. She suggested this to the Milton Bicycle Users' Group but the track comes to an end in a field at Milton Mill and David Early from the County Council said that a complete route is not feasible as the track would need to go through private land. Doreen offered to do an article in the Chronicle about a cycle survey from Drayton to Milton to see how many would be interested in a track. Colin offered to set up an on-line survey as back-up to the article.
- Bus Usage: Daniel Sharfe has been asked to do a survey by David Perrow.

4. CABE Planning Support

Andrew Bax went to a Neighbourhood Design Workshop in London. Not much was relevant to us, but one of the ideas to emerge was that cul-de-sacs are considered not to be a good idea these days.

5. Vale Draft Local Plan: includes traffic congestion in Abingdon. It is suggested that there should be a route from Culham through to the Tesco roundabout through land over which there is an appeal to build 160 houses.

6. Drayton 2020 Consultation Plan: there should be a three stage consultation.

- 1) a meeting to be held on 27th April
- 2) a questionnaire distributed round the village
- 3) a large event in the summer to display suggestions and findings

7. Any Other Business

Christine West went to the Damascus meeting where three maps were put out: Transport, Look and Feel and Sustainability. Drayton 2020 was explained. The feedback from the nineteen children aged 13 – 18 who attended was that there should be more buses, cycle routes, a skate park and moped hire. They were also keen to have a café in which people could meet and relax. There was a desire for a fast food shop, e.g. fish a chips.

8. Date of next meeting – to be decided later.